

Las Cruces, NM – This Saturday, September 11th, Harry Teague will participate in ceremonies to remember those lost on 9/11 and to honor our first responders and armed forces at ceremonies in Las Cruces and Alamogordo.

He will begin Saturday by speaking at the Patriot Day ceremony at Las Cruces City Hall to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Later in the day, Teague will greet military families and area residents at the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's tailgate event before the NMSU football game, where prior to kickoff there will be a flyover of T-38 Air Force jets from Holloman Air Force Base.

Teague will then travel to Alamogordo to attend the September 11th Memorial Ceremony at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, where he will address attendees and spend time visiting with service members and constituents. The event will feature a fire and police turnout ceremony, candle lighting and the symbolic lighting of the twin towers on the museum building.

Harry Teague issued this statement in honor of the ninth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks:

"On the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, my thoughts and prayers go out to our brave men and women in uniform, to our first responders and rescue workers, and to the victims of 9/11 and their families.

Nine years ago, our world changed forever. But on that day, in the midst of great tragedy, we also saw the best in human nature -- firefighters and first-responders rushing to save lives trapped in buildings that were on the brink of collapse; ordinary citizens giving their time and energy to take care of the wounded; neighbors helping neighbors; Americans coming together to heal as a country and defend the values we hold dear.

After 9/11, our brave service men and women deployed to battle the war on terrorism, creating a new generation of soldiers and veterans. This new generation of heroes requires us to recommit ourselves to providing our nation's veterans with the support and benefits they earn through their service. In particular, we need to continue improving the mental health services we provide to our troops and veterans. The number of soldiers and veterans diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury has increased dramatically as a result of the war on terror, and I am committed to ensuring that these invisible wounds don't stay hidden and unaddressed.

Today, as we honor those we lost in the events of this day nine years ago, it is also important to recognize the efforts of the countless men and women who have served in the war on terror and those who have lost their lives in defense of our nation and our freedoms. On this solemn anniversary, I hope you will join me in honoring those who serve and those we have lost by working towards what they sought to achieve -- a future that is filled not by fear, but with hope, opportunity, and freedom. “

Saturday, September 11th:

WHAT: Patriot Day Ceremony

WHERE: City Hall, 700 North Main Street, Las Cruces

WHEN: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

WHAT: Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Tailgate

WHERE: New Mexico State University Aggie Memorial Stadium, Las Cruces

WHEN: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

WHAT: September 11th Memorial Ceremony

WHERE: New Mexico Museum of Space History, Highway 2001, Alamogordo

WHEN: 8:00 PM – 9:15 PM

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